

OREGON EXPRESS TRAVELS ON UNSUPPORTED RAILS

Horrified Crew Observe Washout Too Late to Stop and Shuddered to Think of Impending Disaster.

Redding, Cal., March 15.—As the Oregon express, due in San Francisco this morning, was running at the rate of 45 miles an hour at a point 13 miles south of here, at midnight last night, the engineer and fireman saw that they were bearing down upon a washout, three rail-lengths of track being without ties. The unsupported rails were not seen until the pilot was almost upon them. The horrified crew applied

the brakes and waited for the catastrophe they felt sure would occur. Wonderfully enough, the entire train, with the exception of the last Pullman, passed successfully over the washed out stretch of track before the train could be brought to a stop. The last car stopped on the unsupported track and toppled over. No one was hurt. The passengers of the derailed car were transferred to other cars and the train proceeded.

LANDS SHOULD BE OPEN.

Farmers are Protesting Against the Reserve of Tillable Soil.

Livingston, Mont., March 15.—Since the receipt of news that immense tracts of land throughout Park county have been set aside as timber reserve, strong protests have been made by ranchers throughout the Yellowstone, Shields and tributary valleys. The matter has awakened such wide interest that a mass meeting of citizens of Park county has been called to meet in the court house in this city on March 26, at which time formal protests will be made and forwarded to the department at Washington.

Resolutions will be adopted and the matter will be presented in a manner showing the hardships such action works on the settlers throughout Park

county. It is thought that large numbers of ranchers and stock growers throughout both the Yellowstone and Shields river valleys will be present and register their protest against a move so detrimental to agricultural and stock growing interests of the county. It is claimed that a large amount of land included within the reserve is valuable for agricultural purposes, and ment of the county to withdraw it from that it is an injury to the development. It is claimed that practically all timber bordering on Shields river valley is included in the reserve, and that the ranchers will be unable to either secure fuel or building material without a great deal of trouble and delay.

Large Elk Herd.

Grant's Pass, Ore., March 15.—Prospectors and timbermen who have just

returned from the lower Rogue and the mountains of northern Curry county report seeing a large herd of elk in the deep woods of that county. There were probably 30 elk in the herd, and all appeared in fine condition. It is known that one of the elk has been slain, but the timbermen state that a vigilant lookout is being kept both by wardens and citizens of that section in the protection of the herd.

This is probably the only herd of elk, of any consequence, in Oregon, as the notorious "deer-skinners" and "bag hunters" of a few years ago succeeded in killing off every available one. Then the rigid game laws were passed, and with these enforced elk will again become plentiful in the southern Oregon mountains.

DESCRIPTION OF SLIDE.

Precaution of no Avail Says Mine Superintendent.

Baker City, Ore., March 15.—Bert E. Smith, superintendent of the Queen of the West mine, on Cornucopia mountain, which was wrecked by a snow slide last Thursday evening, is down from the hills and gives a graphic account of the disaster. Mr. Smith says the buildings were built so as to avoid the danger of snow slides, but on this occasion there were two slides, one following the other almost instantly. The first one filled the gulch back of the ridge on which the houses were built, and when the second slide came there was no ridge there to divert it, and it came down upon the boarding and bunk house, destroying both, and buried the office building under 40 feet of snow. This ridge had always served as a breaker to divide the slides, and everybody felt perfectly safe, although snow slides were of frequent occurrence.

The first Mr. Smith knew of the slide was when it overran the office building and shut out his light. He got hold of a board and dug his way to the tunnel, 20 feet away, where he rescued two men who would soon have died of suffocation. The two rescued men joined him in digging to the bunk-house, where several men were known to be. When they got to the bunk-house they heard a shout. The building was demolished, and all of the men were more or less injured, and two, Howland and Cox, were dead. The other four men were all badly hurt, but they insisted on helping to dig out the two men known to be in the mess-house.

When they reached the mess-house, some distance farther on, they found the two men pinned down under heavy timbers. One timber was across Tom Smith's neck and across Estis' back. They had to pry the timbers up. When they lifted up on them to get Estis out Smith called out that they were choking him to death. They explained the situation to him, and Smith told them to go ahead and save Estis because Estis was married and should be saved if possible.

The finally succeeded in getting both men out alive, but Estis died from internal injuries the next day and Smith is fast recovering.

The men worked all night rescuing the men in a blinding and bitter cold snow storm. The next day they secured help from the town of Cornucopia, and the injured men were tenderly cared for. They will all recover.

Mr. Smith had to travel day and night over almost impassable roads to reach this city with the body of Howland. The remains were shipped to Genesee, Idaho, this evening.

Call to Elect Committee

Washington, March 15.—A call was issued tonight for a caucus of republican members of the senate and house Wednesday evening to elect members of the national republican congressional committee

Seattle, March 15.—Thomas R. Delaney, the present customs inspector here, was named today by Mayor-Elect Ballinger to be chief of police to succeed John Sullivan.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of the late B. C. Kindred will be held from the Methodist church, at Hammond, on Wednesday morning, March 16, 1904, at half past ten o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend. The steamer Miller will leave her dock, at the foot of Fourteenth street, at half past nine o'clock, to convey those desiring to attend the funeral. Interment will be at the old Clatsop cemetery.

PIONEER NOTICE.

Members of the Pioneer and Historical Society of Oregon are requested to assemble at the steamer Miller dock, foot of Fourteenth street, at 9:15 a. m. Wednesday morning, to attend the funeral of the late B. C. Kindred, at Hammond. Steamer leaves at 9:30. By order of the president, S. D. ADAIR, Secretary.

BLACKBURN KNOCKS WOOD

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CONTINUOUS FLOW ORATORY

Committeeman Will Have Floor of Next Executive Session for Purpose of Furthering His Views.

Washington, March 15.—The conduct of General Wood while he was in Cuba serving as military governor during American occupancy, was held up to censure today in an executive session of the senate lasting two hours by Senator Blackburn, one of the members of the committee on military affairs, who joined in the minority report against the confirmation of Wood to be major-general. The speech of Blackburn is said to have been one of a continuous flow of oratory, for which he is famous, and, though punctuated throughout with denials and questions from friends of the nominee, was, it is said, a well connected comment on the evidence given in the committee hearings. He did not conclude his remarks and will have the floor at the next executive session.

ROAD IS PROPOSED.

Old Franchise May be Taken up By Company.

Walla Walla, Wash., March 15.—Heinrich Mellman, who, in connection with Frank Remo, organized the Oregon & Washington Electric Light Power Company here about two years ago, arrived in the city today to ask for an extension of the franchise granted to them by the council at the time the company was organized. Mellman now claims to have interested sufficient New York capital to build the line as originally intended from Dayton to Pendleton, a distance of 85 miles.

When Mellman asked for the original franchise from Walla Walla, he was required to place \$2000 with the city as an evidence of good faith. This he did after some demurrer and his franchise was granted. Promises of early tracklaying were not fulfilled, however, and the company was considered by Walla Walla people, at least, as among the things that were

Mellman now claims that if the franchise, which expires in June is extended, that dirt will be flying very soon. The company has good water-facilities on the Tukanon river, and it is the intention not only to build the electric line, but furnish light and power along the route.

PERSONAL MENTION.

B. A. Seaborg was over from Bay View yesterday.

M. J. Kinney, the well known capitalist, is in the city.

A. Olsen was over from his Deep river logging camp yesterday.

Chief of Police Hallock is home from a short visit in Portland.

Hon. J. G. Megler was visiting in the city from Brookfield yesterday.

Mrs. J. C. Swope went to Portland last night, where she will remain for a few days.

J. S. Dellinger has returned from a successful business trip to the eastern part of this state and Idaho.

City Engineer Tee explains that his recommendation to the council that the macadam streets be repaired will not, if favorably acted up, entail very great expense. The repair will consist of scraping the streets on each side, the sections to be scraped representing two-thirds of the width of the street. In some cases it may be necessary to clean the center section of the street. This work will cost not more than \$20 a block, and the cost will be paid out of the general fund. Mr. Tee says the macadam street is not an immediate permanent improvement, by any means, but that it requires years to make the street hard and serviceable. The streets should be cleaned at least once a year until the crushed rock is packed so hard that repair is no longer necessary.

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